

April 9, 2002

**Scoping Announcement
Marin Headlands/Fort Baker Transportation Infrastructure
and Management Plan
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

Dear Agency Representative:

This announcement provides notice to your agency that the National Park Service has begun a conservation planning and environmental impact analysis process to evaluate transportation improvements at the Marin Headlands and Fort Baker -- within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). The project area borders portions of the incorporated City of Sausalito, San Francisco Bay, and the Pacific Ocean. (Please see attached map).

The plan and alternatives will be evaluated in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The overall goals of the project are:

- Promote public transit, pedestrian and bicycle travel to and within the park to improve visitor experience and enhance environmental quality.
- Rehabilitate transportation infrastructure in a manner that protects resources, and improves safety and circulation.
- Reduce traffic congestion at key park locations and connecting roads.

Proposed concepts range from simple improvements to parking consolidation and shuttle services to vehicular restrictions.

We would appreciate your comments regarding the conceptual approaches identified in the attached Scoping Summary. This would include issues or impacts that should be addressed in the EIS and regulatory/consultation requirements of your agency.

The scoping process will extend to May 1, 2002 or 30 days after publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register. As soon as the date is determined, it

will be posted on the park web site at www.nps.gov/goga/admin/transportation. Distribution of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for public and agency review is currently scheduled for Winter 2002/2003.

If you would like to meet with the planning team, are interested in a tour of the site, or require additional information regarding the conceptual approaches identified to date, please contact Steve Laughlin at the National Park Service, telephone (415) 561-4941/Email Steve.Laughlin@NPS.gov, or you may provide your comments in writing at the address noted above.

Thank you for your attention to this announcement and contributions to our scoping process.

Sincerely,

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